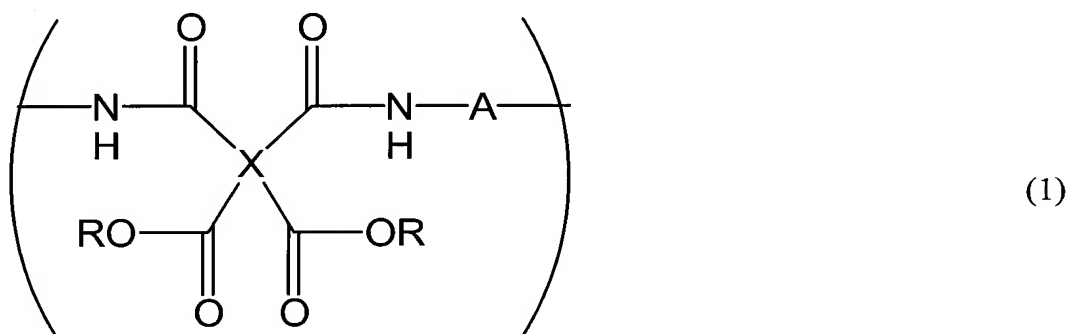


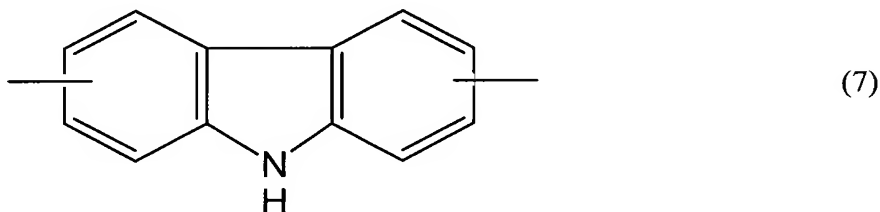
IN THE CLAIMS

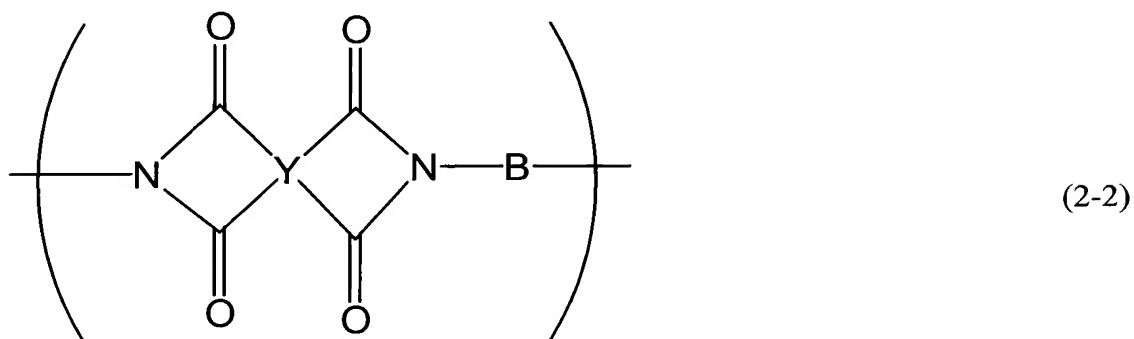
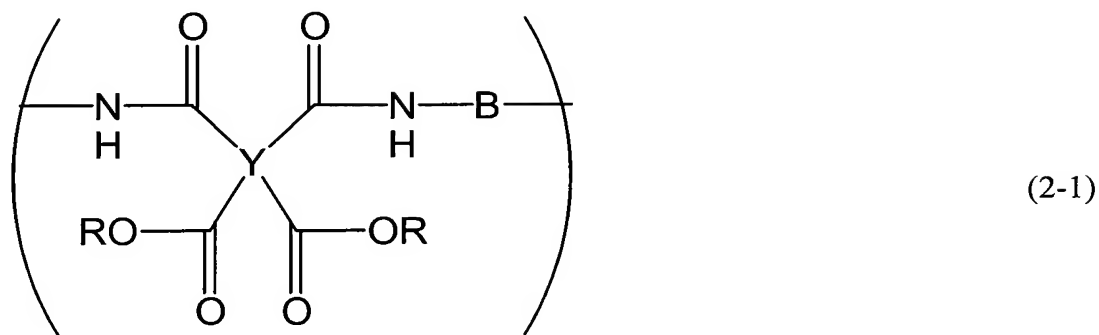
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal aligning agent comprising a polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) and having a volume resistivity of from  $1 \times 10^{10}$  to  $1 \times 10^{14} \Omega \text{ cm}$  when formed into a film, and a polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or a polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2):

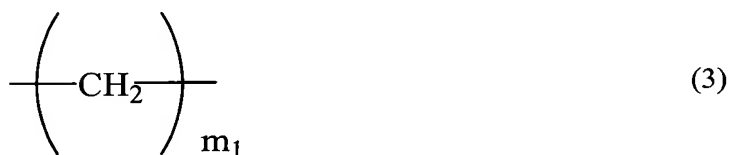


in the formula (1), R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, X represents a tetravalent organic group, and A represents a bivalent organic group, wherein from 10 to 100 mol% of A in formula (1) is a bivalent organic group having the following structure (7):

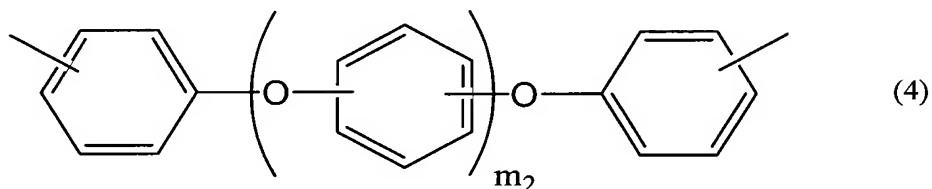




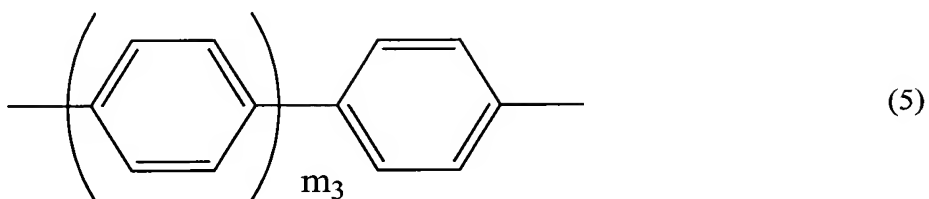
in the formulae (2-1) and (2-2), R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, Y represents a tetravalent organic group, B represents a bivalent organic group, and from 10 to 100 mol% of B is a bivalent organic group having any one of the following structures (3) to (5) in its structure, or a paraphenylene group:



in the formula (3),  $m_1$  is an integer of from 2 to 18,



in the formula (4), one or a plurality of optional hydrogen atoms on the benzene rings may be substituted by a monovalent organic group other than a primary amino group, and  $m_2$  is an integer of from 1 to 8,



in the formula (5), one or a plurality of optional hydrogen atoms on the benzene rings may be substituted by a monovalent organic group other than a primary amino group, and  $m_3$  is an integer of from 1 to 4.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of X in the formula (1) is a tetravalent organic group having an alicyclic structure or a tetravalent organic group having an aliphatic structure.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of Y in the formula (2-1) or (2-2) is a tetravalent organic group having an aromatic structure.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 4, wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of Y in the formula (2-1) or (2-2) is a tetravalent organic group having an aromatic structure.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 4 wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 5, wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 8, wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 4.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 6.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 8.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 9.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 10.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 11.

Claim 19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein Y is an aromatic group.

Claim 21 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 20, wherein X is at least one structure selected from the group consisting of 1,2,3,4-cyclobutanetetracarboxylic acid having four carboxy groups removed, 2,3,5-tricarboxycyclopentylacetic acid having four carbonxy groups removed, and 3,4-dicarboxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthalenesuccinic acid having four carboxylic acid groups removed.

Claim 22 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 1, wherein X is a cyclobutane group.

Claim 23 (New): The liquid crystal aligning agent of Claim 20, wherein X is a cyclobutane group.